

**Central Eastside Corridor TIF Action Plan  
Working Group Meeting #9  
220 SE Market St, Portland OR  
May 21st, 2026, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**MEETING PURPOSE**

The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Confirm and approve investment strategy
- Identified next steps

**MEETING MATERIALS**

- Meeting slides

**INPUT SOUGHT**

- Input regarding grant program scenarios

**DECISIONS or RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE VOTED ON**

- Approval of investment strategy

**UPCOMING MILESTONES**

- Next Working Group Meeting: late August/early September 2026

**Meeting Summary**

(See also meeting presentation)

**Welcome, Introductions**

- Kiana Ballo (Prosper Portland) welcomed people to the meeting and reviewed the agenda and meeting agreements.

**Public Comment**

- Kenny Asher – interested in what’s going on in the district.

**Process Refresh**

Kiana outlined the Working Group 2026 timeline – meeting on a quarterly basis to discuss key milestones.

Kiana presented the investment priorities confirmed at the previous Working Group meeting including the \$144,000 under the three categories support small business, employer retention, and public realm enhancements.

## Implementation Strategy

- Kiana posed the question about consolidating the business grants into one funding category and reducing the max amount per grant to try and get more grants out.
- Mike Larkin asked how certain the budget is for this year and if there is a risk the amount will be reduced between now and budget approval.
- Amy confirmed the allocated amount is secured for this year, pending final budget adoption in June but will need to revisit next year.
- Kiana walked through details of PIP grant and Oregon Manufacturing Extension Program (OMEP) and outlined the potential to make OMEP costs covered under the PIP grant program eligible.
- Mark Linehan clarified differences in match requirement between PIP and OMEP.
- Kiana asked what the group thinks:
  - o Mark is in favor of more grants with smaller amounts.
  - o Jill asked to clarify the decision being made.
  - o Eric Hoffman asked if the PIP grant would allow for predevelopment.
    - Amy replied it allows for some predevelopment costs.
  - o Tiffany Conklin is in favor of more grants with small amounts.
  - o Michael Woods clarified if PIP is a popular program.
    - Amy responded yes.
  - o Chelsea asked if there is demand for smaller amount.
- Kiana walked through the PIP grant eligibility requirements:
  - o Mark asked about census tract status within the district.
  - o Hovering confirmed that as a small business, \$25k would be helpful.
- Kiana described the public realm grants and highlighted the geographic priority area.
  - o Mark Linehan suggested SE Caruthers where PBOT close the street to motorized vehicles as an additional priority area. Route to walking path. HAND is taking on programming the space. Invited Michael (Buckman Neighborhood Assoc) and Leah (OMSI) to join the subgroup Chelsea suggested First 40 Feet as an organization to discuss (planning) and bike gardens as an option to look into.
  - o Kiana asked how the working group felt about having 2 priority areas
    - Chelsea reminded the group of why the initial priority area was included.
    - Tiffany offered the Oregon Rail Museum is looking to activate their space with murals.
    - Working Group was ok including the additional priority area.

- Amanda asked if it hurts to include the additional priority area if projects meet if they meet the criteria.
  - Kiana mentioned there is a committee review process for the CLG grant that will ultimately recommend which projects receive funding.
- Mike added it would be great to have some known projects that we can encourage to apply.

### **Vote to approve Near Term Investment Priorities**

Kiana called the working group members to vote to confirm the investment strategy and priorities including the adjusted business grants and additional priority area for CLG.

Working Group members present unanimously voted to approve the investment priorities.

### **Identified Next Steps**

Kiana reviewed next steps for the working group including timeline for funds becoming available and reconvening the working group in late August/early September.

## **Attendance**

### **Central Eastside Corridor Working Group**

Mike Larkin, CET	X
Carolyn Holcomb, CEIC	
Mark Linehan, HAND	X
Michael Woods, Buckman Community Association	X
Leah Nanpei, VP, Real Estate and Facilities OMSI	X
Tiffany Conklin, Portland Street Art Alliance	X
Lluvia Merello, Indigenous Marketplace	
Matt Fairris, BAE Urban Economics	X
Jill Sherman, Edlen & Co / OMSI	X
Ty Brown, REACH CDC	
Dietrich Wieland, Mackenzie	X
Eric Hoffman, SUM Design Studio / CET	X
Chelsea Rooklyn, Killian Pacific, Willamette Light Brigade Board	X
Hovering Laplante, Sweet & Salty PDX	X
Amanda Lucier, property owner / photojournalist	X
<b>Guests &amp; Staff</b>	
Amy Nagy	X
Kiana Ballo	X
Sarah Harpole	
Jessica Conner	
Josh Roper	
Gwen Thompson	

Thuan Duong	
Nick Olson	
Danell Norby	
Paul Jefferys	